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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital,

AND OF THE

LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION.

JANUARY 1, 1878.

BOSTON:

ALFRED MUDGE & SON, PRINTERS,
34 SCHOOL STREET.

1878.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION, for the election of officers and transaction of business, is held on the third Wednesday of January.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES hold quarterly meetings at the Hospital on the first Wednesday of January, April, July, and October, at 7½ P. M. Special meetings are held at the direction of the president.

THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION holds its annual meeting, for the choice of officers and transaction of business, on the last Wednesday of January, at 12 M.

Monthly meetings of the MANAGERS OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION are held at the Hospital on the last Wednesday of each month, at 11 A. M.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meet at the Hospital every Saturday, at 12 M., and hold special meetings whenever necessary.

THE MEDICAL BOARD holds its regular meetings on the last Wednesday evening of March, June, September, and December.

THE HOSPITAL is located on East Concord Street, between Harrison Avenue and Albany Street, Boston.



Isaac Fenno,

Treasurer Mass. Hom. Hospital,

28 Summer Street,

Boston.

BOSTON, February 22, 1878.

DEAR DOCTOR:

With this please receive the Annual Report of the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital for 1877. By it you will see that the Hospital has been more prosperous than ever before. Its average number of patients has been greater and the cost per bed less than in any preceding year, and the results of treatment have been eminently satisfactory. The Hospital is one of the most delightful in this country, bright, sunny, cheerful, and airy. It is ready to receive any form of acute, non-contagious disease, and all forms of curable chronic affections suitable for a hospital. It is also prepared for every kind of surgical case; and while the surgeons will not hesitate to perform all necessary surgical operations, however grave, yet they believe that many so-called surgical diseases are amenable to homœopathic treatment without the usual operations, and that the operations, when required, are more successful if followed by homœopathic treatment.

It has been the aim of the Medical Board to make the Hospital what its chartered name implies, a HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL, satisfied that such is the wish of the physicians and public who sustain it. At the same time the greatest freedom of opinion and practice is allowed to all the members of the Medical Board in regard to the *size of the dose*, so long as it is prescribed in accordance with the homœopathic law. In these respects they are confident of the cordial support of all homœopathic physicians and patrons.

There are ample accommodations for patients in the Hospital, at prices ranging from \$7.00 to \$25.00 per week, including board, nursing, and medical or surgical attendance. In accordance with the recent vote of the Board of Trustees, free beds will be furnished in destitute and suitable cases as far as the funds of the Hospital will permit, and we ask your assistance to increase both its funds and its usefulness.

Very respectfully,

CHESTER GUILD,

Chairman of the Executive Committee.

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MISS HELEN COLLAMORE.

SECRETARY.

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J. H. WOODBURY, M. D.,	}	<i>Physicians.</i>
E. B. DE GERSDORFF, M. D.		
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DAVID THAYER, M. D.,		
W. P. WESSELHOEFT, M. D.,		
D. G. WOODVINE, M. D.,	}	<i>Surgeons.</i>
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HENRY C. ANGELL, M. D., <i>Ophthalmic Surgeon.</i>		

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HENRY E. RUSSEGUE, *House Physician and Surgeon.*

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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MRS. W. H. KENNARD,
MRS. H. B. STANWOOD,
MISS HELEN COLLAMORE.

MATRON.

MISS ISABELLA E. KELSEY.

REPORT.

THE past year, notwithstanding the general financial depression, has been one of unusual prosperity with the Hospital. The land, building, furniture, and all the expenses of conducting it have been paid, and the Hospital stands free of debt.

Early in the year the trustees adopted the following vote: "Any person contributing or collecting and paying to the treasurer of the Hospital money for the support of free beds shall be entitled to admit patients, subject to the requirements and rules of the Hospital, to the full amount of such donation, at the current rates of the Hospital, within one year from the date of such payment. At the expiration of one year any unused portion of such payment shall go to the general fund for the support of the Hospital." In this way any person could readily secure the control of a free bed for a longer or shorter time, according to the amount raised or contributed, and the measure proved to be of great advantage. During the year about \$3,350 was thus secured, and was entered in the names of some twenty persons, each one of whom owned a free bed, which they could use at any time during the year, to the full amount raised by them. Under this arrangement they could, at any time, send any suitable case to the Hospital to occupy a bed or room at such price as they might choose. The greater part of this sum has already been expended in providing free beds for destitute patients, and has proved a very efficient method of helping the patients and the Hospital. But in order to secure permanency, as well as to give temporary success to the institution, the trustees feel the importance of an invested fund, the income of which shall be devoted to its support. From the executors of the will of the late Augustus Hemenway the generous sum of \$10,000 has been received, the income of which is devoted to the support of free beds, while \$5,000 has been pledged, and of this \$3,500 has been already paid, by the Ladies' Aid Association, for the same benevolent purpose. By the earnest and interested effort of the friends of the Hospital, these permanent funds may be largely increased from year to year.

The meetings of the Board of Trustees have been held quarterly instead of monthly as heretofore, that being found sufficiently often for the necessary business of the board. The Executive Committee have held weekly meetings at the Hospital, and by close inspection have secured a successful economy as well as comfort in every department.

At the beginning of the year Mr. Charles G. Wood, who has served so faithfully and efficiently for several years, was obliged, from press of other business, to resign his position as chairman of the Executive Committee, and Mr. Chester Guild was appointed to the office. Mrs. E. B. Allen, who has been an active and valuable member of this committee, from the opening of the Hospital in 1871, was also compelled to resign on account of a prolonged absence abroad. Her place has been filled by Miss Helen Collamore.

During the past year, the duties of the house physician and surgeon have been ably and conscientiously performed by Mr. Henry E. Russegue. Miss I. E. Kelsey has been faithful and assiduous in the performance of her duties as matron.

In order to secure greater efficiency in the pharmaceutical department, which has been conducted with great care by Dr. S. Whitney, a Committee on Pharmacy was appointed by the trustees (April 4), whose duty is to advise with the pharmacist, and to regulate and determine the character of the medicines purchased and used in the Hospital. The committee, consisting of Drs. C. Wesselhoeft, D. Thayer, and E. B. de Gersdorff, have faithfully endeavored to make this institution what its name indicates — a homœopathic hospital — and to insure to its generous founders and patrons that form of treatment for which this Hospital is intended, and to prove the superiority of homœopathic treatment over the older methods. The action of this committee meets the warm approval of the Medical Board, and is cordially indorsed by the trustees.

The subject of extending the advantages and benefits of this institution and of providing the blessings of homœopathic treatment for the greatest number of patients in every department of medicine and surgery has been frequently and earnestly considered by this Board, and they trust that each year its facilities for usefulness will be largely increased.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 1877.

THE Executive Committee, in behalf of the Trustees of the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital, beg leave most respectfully to report to the corporation that meetings of the Executive Committee have been held at the Hospital regularly once in each week during the past year.

This committee at present consists of five members, viz., Mrs. W. H. Kennard, secretary, Mrs. H. B. Stanwood, Miss Helen Collamore, I. T. Talbot, M. D., and the chairman.

At their weekly meetings, which are generally attended by all the members, the committee, as the representative of the trustees, has considered and acted upon all matters pertaining to the general management of the affairs of the Hospital.

To this committee are addressed all requisitions of the matron, for the current supplies of food and the various articles required for the support of the Hospital which it is deemed economical to purchase in quantities. Such articles have been from time to time purchased by some member of the committee, duly authorized so to do, and all bills for the same have been brought before the committee at a regular meeting for approval before payment.

The matron has usually purchased the various smaller articles of daily consumption, and entered the details thereof in a pass book kept for the purpose, which is also laid before the committee for approval at their weekly sessions.

We believe that such of your funds as are disbursed by the committee have been carefully and economically expended. All bills contracted by them have been promptly examined and paid, and so far as we know, no bills contracted by them during the year 1877 now remain unsettled.

To this committee the matron has paid over the sums collected by her from the patients of the institution, and they have been duly accounted for to the treasurer of the corporation.

The committee, through the matron, have paid to the employees of the Hospital their salaries and wages regularly once in each month, for which receipts are signed in books prepared for the purpose.

An account of all receipts and expenditures made through the committee has been rendered to the treasurer of the corporation in a detailed

and classified form, as will be found in his annual report for the year 1877.

Upon the lady members of the committee has devolved the duty of a thorough inspection of the various rooms of the Hospital as often as once in each week. They have given careful attention to the practical working of the Hospital routine in all particulars, excepting only its medical and surgical work, which is, of course, exclusively under the supervision of the Medical Board, appointed by the trustees for the purpose. The maintenance of such a hospital as ours requires not only suitable provision for the medical and surgical treatment of its patients, but necessitates, also, a thorough organization and careful administration of all the domestic details of a family.

To the matron, Miss I. E. Kelsey, is due great credit for the orderly, cleanly, and efficient manner in which the Hospital has been conducted. Its service, by the various employees, has been performed in a very satisfactory manner.

In recognizing the peculiar fitness and value of the services of intelligent and experienced ladies in connection with the Hospital, the committee wish to bear ample testimony to the zeal and readiness with which the Ladies' Aid Association have always responded to the frequent calls upon them for contributions of all kinds, and for the fidelity with which its individual members have cheerfully given their personal attendance upon the sick and poor inmates of the rooms and wards. These personal ministrations are of great comfort and service to the recipients, and no doubt largely facilitate their convalescence. Besides frequent contributions of articles of comfort or necessity, for the purchase of which the regular income of the Hospital is inapplicable, the Ladies' Aid Association during the past year have pledged the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the establishment of a permanently free bed, of which thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3,500) has been paid over to the treasurer. For their valuable contributions and active co-operation, the Ladies' Aid Association are richly entitled to the cordial thanks of the corporation, and we most respectfully recommend that they be communicated to the association by a formal vote.

Contributions, from various sources, of fruits, flowers, delicacies, clothing, and small sums of money, to be expended in the purchase of similar articles for the benefit of poor patients, have from time to time been received at the Hospital, during the past year. A record of all these acceptable gifts is duly entered in a book kept for the purpose, and whenever the address can be ascertained, due acknowledgment is promptly sent by the secretary of the Executive Committee, with our grateful thanks, to the generous donors.

Besides those connected with the Ladies' Aid Association and the Executive Committee, other lady friends of the Hospital have been exceedingly active and efficient in efforts to promote and extend its usefulness. In one instance, a lady, by impressing her social friends with her own irresistible enthusiasm, succeeded in obtaining contributions of various

useful and fancy articles, which were disposed of by means of a fair held at her house, most generously thrown open to the public for two days, realizing thereby a net profit of twenty-eight hundred dollars (\$2,800), paid over to the treasurer of the corporation. Other large gifts have been made to the corporation, through their treasurer, which will doubtless be appropriately acknowledged by them.

Through the cheerful efforts of ladies and other friends, the annual reunion of homœopaths was held at the Boston Music Hall, April 25, 1877, which resulted in a pecuniary gain of about sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600), applicable to the current expenses of the Hospital. These annual reunions are doubtless of much advantage, also, in keeping alive and adding to the general interest in the principles and practice of homœopathy, and in extending a knowledge of its beneficent results, when its remedies are prescribed by competent physicians.

The medical and surgical department of the Hospital, including the pharmacy, has been under the special charge of the Medical Board, chosen by the trustees, and their report on the general administration of that department you will have before you.

The Hospital was opened in its present spacious building on May 4, 1876. The present report is the first to cover an entire year therein, and its statistics, which have been accurately kept, are particularly satisfactory, and enable us to judge better than ever before of the qualities and fitness of the new building, which has proved especially well adapted to the purpose for which it was designed.

We know of no hospital in this country or elsewhere, which in every part is so light, so airy, so cheerful, and so homelike. There are no damp, dark, or gloomy places in it. The sun's rays fall directly into every room occupied by patients. The ventilation is as complete as could be desired, carrying off entirely the usual disagreeable odors which accumulate in a hospital, and its pure air has proved alike agreeable to the inmates and conducive to the rapid recovery of the patients, many of whose diseases are of a chronic character, and some of which have resisted treatment for years previous to their admission here. The convenient arrangement of the entire building enables it to be carried on with the greatest economy of labor and expense.

The following statement exhibits the amount and cost of the work accomplished the past year:—

STATEMENT.

Number of patients in the Hospital, January 1, 1877	.	.	12
“ “ “ admitted during 1877	.	.	120
“ “ “ treated during 1877	.	.	132
“ “ “ remaining over January 1, 1878	.	.	20
Average number of patients during the year 1877	.	.	16+
Entire number of days' treatment of patients	.	.	5,871
Average number of days each patients was treated	.	.	44 $\frac{63}{132}$

Number of paying patients present during the year 1877	58
Entire number of days present (paying)	2,796
Average number of days each was present	$48\frac{6}{7}$
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Number of patients paying in part during the year 1877	14
Entire number of days present	641
Average number of days each was present	$45\frac{1}{4}$
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Number of free patients during the year 1877	74
Entire number of days present	3,075
Average number of days each was present	$41\frac{1}{4}$
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Number of patients paying part of the time during 1877	14
Number of days this class paid	276
Number of days this class were treated free	365
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Entire number of days paying patients were present during 1877	2,431
Entire number of days free patients were present during 1877	3,440
Total days	<hr/> 5,871
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The entire expenses of the Hospital for the year 1877	\$7,357.93
Average cost per day for the 5,871 days patients were present	\$1.27
Average cost per week for each patient during 1877	\$8.89

When we consider the small number of patients, the excellent quality of the food which has been furnished, and the amount of care which has been bestowed upon each patient, we find the cost of conducting the Hospital compares very favorably with any hospital whose statistics we have procured.

Thus, in the Massachusetts General Hospital for the three years 1874, 1875, and 1876, with an average of $176\frac{42}{100}$ patients, the cost was \$9.75 per week for each patient.

The Boston City Hospital for the past three years, with an average of $240\frac{5}{100}$ patients, cost \$9.12 each per week.

The Rhode Island Hospital, in the years 1875 and 1876, supported an average number of $48\frac{75}{100}$ patients, at a cost of \$10.08 each per week.

The institutions with which these comparisons are made are all larger hospitals, in which, of course, the expenses are relatively much less than in small hospitals like ours.

The only one with which this Hospital can be fairly compared, as to size and number of patients treated, is the Maine General Hospital. This has a building of about the same capacity as ours, and supported during the years 1875, 1876, and 1877 an average of $16\frac{68}{100}$ patients, at a cost of \$15.35 each per week.

The large expenses in the Maine General Hospital, a considerable part of which, as in this Hospital, is borne by private subscriptions, excited so much criticism that during the last year, they were probably reduced to the lowest possible point, but with an average of $18\frac{15}{100}$ patients, the cost was \$13.84 per week; and a committee appointed to examine the conduct of that hospital has just reported that the expenses are justifiable and cannot be lessened advantageously.

Compared with any of the above-mentioned hospitals, our average cost of \$8.89 per week certainly appears quite reasonable.

But although our Hospital has apparently been economically managed, yet, with a larger number of patients, we think the weekly expenses of each could be considerably reduced. With an increased number of patients, many of the expenses would remain the same as now, and but little more service in nursing would be required. If the number of patients were doubled, it is estimated that the increase of the cost would be less than \$3,000, which would reduce the average cost per week, for each patient, to about \$6.00.

These statistics, while very satisfactory as regards the past conduct of the Hospital, indicate that if this institution would do the greatest amount of good, at the least proportionate expense, it should endeavor to open its wards as freely as possible to the patients who seek its benefits. But will the worthy poor avail themselves, in sickness, of the accommodations offered by a free homœopathic hospital, to the extent of our capacity? The large number of poor patients who now avail themselves of the advantages of free homœopathic dispensaries, their number having constantly increased with the increase of facilities offered by the establishment of new branches, seems to indicate that the wards of the Hospital would be sought by a sufficient number to fill its beds, if means for its support were provided and the fact made known that they would be admitted free.

This being the case, the question presents itself for decision whether an effort shall be made to increase the funds of the Hospital, so as to enable it to accomplish its maximum of usefulness in the treatment of patients, or whether we shall receive only as many free patients as our regular income will warrant, with such other patients as are able to pay in whole or in part?

A committee of ladies, recently appointed by the trustees to consider the subject, have already held some very spirited meetings. A free discussion of the matter by this committee developed an almost unanimous willingness on the part of the members to solicit subscriptions for the support of the Hospital, but with the feeling that they could do so more successfully provided assurances were given that poor patients would be admitted free to the extent of its funds.

Besides the destitute who are unable to pay anything, there is, however, another class of patients, highly respectable and worthy, who desire homœopathic hospital treatment when sick. We refer to those who,

having no settled homes wherein they can have the requisite accommodations and quiet desirable in sickness, are possessed of resources from which they are willing to pay a part or the whole of the cost of their hospital maintenance. While it is very desirable to extend hospital advantages to the destitute sick, yet it has been the policy of the Hospital to provide suitable accommodations for this latter class, and there are several rooms which have been generously fitted up and furnished by individual contributions with all the comforts and conveniences which even the most fastidions could reasonably require. The quiet and comfort of these rooms have been gratefully acknowledged by many who have come here even from homes of luxury.

Since the last annual meeting of the corporation the grounds of the Hospital and the adjacent Medical College have been much improved by filling, the laying out and building of driveways and walks, and ornamented with trees, shrubs, flower-beds, vases, etc., at an expense of \$238.17. All the cost has been defrayed by the voluntary contributions of friends of the two institutions, with the exception of the sum of \$44.09, contributed from the funds of the Hospital, and an equal sum by the college fund.

With sincere congratulations for whatever good may have been accomplished in the past, and our earnest wishes for the success and ever-increasing usefulness of the institution in the future, we remain,

Very respectfully,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Per CHESTER GUILD, *Chairman.*

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 16, 1878.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

THE following summary shows the number of cases of each class of diseases, with the result of treatment. Many of the patients were chronic cases, some of several years' standing, who were desirous of entering the Hospital as a last resource. The result in several of these cases was unexpectedly favorable, while in acute cases of disease there was not a fatal termination. Of the three deaths, one was a case of paralysis, æt. 82, and one of cancer, æt. 50, both of which cases were received into the Hospital in the last stages of disease, one remaining five days and the other but two days; and one died from phlegmonous inflammation, accompanied by extensive and long-continued disease of the bones.

SUMMARY.

DISEASES.	No. of cases.	Cured	Im- proved.	Not im- proved.	Left witho ^{ut} consent	Died.	Remain- ing.
Fever, typhoid	4	3	. . .	. . .	. . .	. .	1
Rheumatism	9	5	1	. . .	. . .	. .	3
Debility, general	3	2	. . .	1	. . .	. .
Paralysis	4	1	. . .	2	. . .	1	
Nervous diseases	12	2	5	3	. . .	. .	2
Diseases of the eye	3	1	2				
“ “ circulation	6	3	2	. . .	. . .	. .	1
“ “ respiration	14	3	5	3	2	. .	1
“ “ digestion	11	4	5	. . .	1	. .	1
“ “ rectum and anus	9	4	3	. . .	. . .	. .	2
“ “ skin	6	5	. . .	. . .	. . .	. .	1
“ “ bones	4	1	1	. . .	. . .	1	1
“ “ urinary organs,	5	1	. . .	2	. . .	. .	2
“ peculiar to men	3	1	2				
“ “ women,	18	6	9	. . .	. . .	. .	3
Fractures and injuries	6	5	. . .	. . .	. . .	. .	1
Tumors, cancers, etc.	10	2	5	2	. . .	1	
Congenital malformation	2	1	. . .	1	. . .		
Lying-in	3	2	. .	. . .	. . .	. .	1
Total	132	52	40	14	3	3	20

TREASURER'S REPORT OF MASSACHUSETTS

NOTE. — The following summary has been prepared to exhibit more clearly the monthly receipts from patients, and the current expenses of the Hospital for the year 1877 : —

			RECEIPTS.	
Received from patients for	January			\$386 50
"	"	February		428 00
"	"	March		318 00
"	"	April		527 00
"	"	May		325 27
"	"	June		333 40
"	"	July		291 84
"	"	August		222 00
"	"	September		50 00
"	"	October		218 43
"	"	November		308 15
"	"	December		285 00
Total				\$3,694 59

FRANK W. ANDREWS.

HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1877.

PAYMENTS.

Postage	\$7 22	For January, February, and March.
Advertising and printing	210 80	
Butter	56 08	
Gas	88 65	
Groceries	214 98	
Milk	65 25	
Medicines	16 55	
Repairs	3 22	
Window shades	28 00	
Bowls	4 08	
Ice	112 40	
Coal	613 41	
Servants	515 30	
Matron's supplies	583 78	
	<hr/>	\$2,519 72
Insurance on furniture, 5 years		30 00
New building		832 39
Supply committee		2,700 00
Investments:— St. Louis bonds, 6s, interest	\$5,000 00	
premium, 8½ per cent	425 00	
Detroit bonds, 6 per cent, interest	5,000 00	
premium, 9 per cent	450 00	
Columbus bonds, 7 per cent interest	6,000 00	
premium 2½ per cent	150 00	
Cincinnati bonds, 6 per cent interest	3,000 00	
accrued interest on above	196 67	
	<hr/>	20,221 67
Cash on hand carried to new account		1,014 48
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		\$27,318 26

EXPENDITURES.

Provisions and groceries	\$2,958 19
Butter	259 77
Milk	398 06
Gas	234 00
Water	76 93
Ice	192 71
Coal	631 41
Furniture	63 48
Repairs	55 75
Medicine	126 40
Wages	2,044 67
Printing, postage, and stationery	223 47
Care and ornamenting ground, beyond subscription	44 09
Insurance five years	30 00
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Total	\$7,338 93

MEMORANDUM OF PROPERTY INVESTED.

Bonds of Chicago and Michigan Lake Shore Railroad . . .	\$17,000 00
Stock of Detroit, Hillsdale and Southwestern Railroad . . .	6,000 00
Scrip " " " " " . . .	120 00
Bonds of city of St. Louis	5,000 00
" " Detroit	5,000 00
" " Columbus	6,000 00
" " Cincinnati	3,000 00
Cost of land on East Concord Street	\$27,750 25
" building	50,242 84
	<hr/> 77,993 09
	<hr/> \$120,113 09

The undersigned, a committee appointed to audit the treasurer's accounts, has performed that duty, and finds the items all properly cast and vouchers for all the charges, and has also examined the securities and finds them correct, as above stated.

LIVERUS HULL.

Boston, Jan. 6, 1878.

AMOUNT RAISED FOR TEMPORARY USE OF BEDS.

Miss Elizabeth Stuart Phelps	\$100 00
Mrs. W. Claflin	100 00
Miss Julia Hilliard	54 00
Mrs. E. B. de Gersdorff	200 00
Mrs. J. F. Demeritt	300 00
Mrs. C. E. King	200 00
Mrs. W. H. Kennard	200 00
Mrs. H. B. Stanwood	200 00
Mrs. D. Hunt	100 00
Mrs. F. King	100 00
Dr. A. J. Baker	50 00
Mrs. O. Ditson	100 00
Mrs. Dr. Worcester	57 00
Mrs. Dr. Talbot	500 00
Mrs. Dr. Lee	331 00
Mrs. Dr. Talbot	169 76
Mrs. E. Farnsworth	100 00
	<hr/> \$2,861 76
Dr. W. P. Wesselhoef	390 00
Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Apthorp	100 00
	<hr/> \$3,351 76

ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS, 1877.

Mrs. E. A. Boardman	\$10	Mrs. H. W. Taylor	\$1
C. H. Andrews	25	C. E. Floyd	25
Edward Whitney	25	Mrs. Thos. Gray	2
E. Howard	10	Mrs. E. W. Converse	10
Mrs. F. H. Krebs	5	Friend in West Roxbury	10
Miss Susan J. White	10	Mrs. Chas. G. White	5
Mrs. T. A. Johnson	10	Mrs. W. S. Eaton	10
R. S. Frost. . . .	10	Mrs. J. A. Poor	5
Edward Stearns	10	Mrs. Jona. French	10
Mrs. W. H. Horton	20	F. M. Weld	10
C. G. Wood	10	Mrs. F. M. Weld	10
C. G. Wood, Jr. . . .	10	B. Rodman Weld	10
Miss M. F. Littlehale	5	F. M. Weld, Jr	10
Miss E. D. Littlehale	5	Miss Annie Henshaw	5
Miss H. P. Littlehale	5	F. W. Bird	10
B. W. Taggard	10	Mrs. D. Osgood	10
Mrs. Franklin Greene	10	Mrs. E. C. Clark	5
Mrs. L. B. Merriam	25	Mrs. C. W. Seabury	20
John R. Hall	100	Mrs. Alvin Adams	10
W. B. Frothingham	20	Mrs. Waldo Adams	10
F. T. Bemis	5	Mrs. Saml. Johnson	15
Geo. E. Niles	5	Mrs. J. Erksine	5
J. Simpkins	10	Miss Eliza Howe	2
Joseph L. Richards	5	Miss Angie Howe	2
Mrs. Hoffendahl	2	Mrs. D. L. Winchester	5
Mrs. P. Harvey	2	Mrs. W. W. Clapp	3
Mrs. W. L. Tower	2	Mrs. Geo. Dennie	2
Mrs. C. Wakefield	2	Misses Dennie	6
Miss Julia Goddard	2	Mrs. A. Walker	2
Mrs. Frank Wood	10	Mrs. J. K. Fuller	2
Mrs. Chas. Merriam	10	Mrs. Franklin King	25
Thos. C. Wales	10	New Jerusalem Church	150
Mrs. F. W. Tracey	1		
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MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

Named in Act of Incorporation.

Otis Clapp.
 John P. Jewett.
 Jacob Sleeper.
 Charles B. Hall.
 George Bancroft.
 *John D. Richardson.
 *Adam W. Thaxter, Jr.
 *Simon G. Cheever.
 *Otis Tufts.
 Robert L. Robbins.
 James Dennie.

 Dr. H. C. Ahlborn.
 Mrs. E. B. Allen.
 Frank W. Andrews.
 Dr. H. C. Angell.
 C. A. Bartol.
 Miss Sarah H. Blanchard.
 D. H. Blaney.
 B. F. Campbell.
 W. W. Churchill.
 William Claflin.
 Mrs. Ed. Codman.
 Mrs. Mary B. Curtis.
 Mrs. John F. Demeritt.
 Mrs. Oliver Ditson.
 *Joseph Dix.
 Mrs. A. G. Farwell.
 Isaac Fenno.
 Dr. M. J. Flanders.
 Mrs. J. M. Forbes.
 R. S. Frost.
 Mrs. Ellen Frost.
 Joel Goldthwait.
 Chester Guild.
 Dr. E. B. de Gersdorff.
 John R. Hall.
 Alpheus Hardy.
 Mrs. Augustus Hemenway.
 F. Howard.
 Liverus Hull.
 Mrs. M. P. Kennard.

Mrs. W. H. Kennard.
 Wm. B. Merrill.
 C. F. McClure.
 John Felt Osgood.
 Dr. J. P. Paine.
 A. C. Perkins.
 R. Perkins.
 William Pope.
 William C. Pope.
 Mrs. H. E. Raymond.
 Mrs. B. T. Reed.
 Isaac B. Rich.
 S. B. Rindge.
 Mrs. S. B. Rindge.
 Royal E. Robbins.
 Dr. George Russell.
 Mrs. George R. Russell.
 Henry S. Russell.
 Dr. O. S. Sanders.
 Francis G. Shaw.
 Miss Ellen Stearns.
 Alex. Strong.
 James Sturgis, Jr.
 Dr. I. T. Talbot.
 Mrs. Caroline Tappan.
 Isaac Thatcher.
 Dr. David Thayer.
 Mrs. Fenno Tudor.
 Dr. F. H. Underwood.
 D. B. Washburn.
 Dr. C. Wesselhoeft.
 Dr. W. P. Wesselhoeft.
 Benj. H. White.
 Dr. S. Whitney.
 Charles G. Wood.
 Dr. J. H. Woodbury.
 Dr. D. G. Woodvine.
 †David L. Webster.
 †R. H. Stearns.
 †Joseph Story.
 †Luther A. Wright.
 †Mrs. Isaac Fenno.

* Deceased.

† Members during term of office.

DONATIONS.

THE following donations have been sent to the Hospital at various times during the year 1877: —

FRUIT AND FLOWERS.

Mrs. A. L. Moring, Mrs. Frank W. Andrews, Mrs. O. Ditson, Mrs. A. Hemenway, Mrs. H. B. Stanwood, Miss Wales, Mrs. A. G. Farwell, Mrs. M. E. Demeritt, Dr. Talbot, Rev. D. W. Waldron, Mrs. Cushing, Hollis Street Mission, Children from Newton Centre, Mrs. S. L. Ward, Mrs. Wm. Pope, Mrs. P. C. Brooks, Mrs. D. Hunt, Mrs. Dr. Sylvester, Mrs. F. King, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Diaz, Mrs. C. W. Kingsley, Mrs. M. P. Kennard, Mrs. R. S. Frost, Mrs. M. L. Hall, Mrs. A. Strong, Mrs. Flint, Mrs. C. E. Stratton.

ICE CREAM.

Mrs. H. B. Stanwood, Mrs. Frank W. Andrews, Mrs. A. G. Farwell, Rev. D. W. Waldron.

GROCERIES.

Mrs. R. S. Atwood, Mrs. A. L. Moring, Mrs. A. G. Farwell, Mrs. B. F. Stevens, Mrs. R. C. Waterston.

PICTURES, MAGAZINES, PAPERS, AND BOOKS.

Miss L. M. Childs, Mrs. Samuel Rice, Mrs. F. King, Mrs. H. B. Stanwood, Mrs. E. Whitney, Mr. C. Guild, Mr. James Sturgis, Mrs. H. S. Russell, Mrs. G. A. Fiske, Rev. D. W. Waldron, Mrs. Cushing.

LINEN, COTTON, ARTICLES OF CLOTHING.

Mrs. Luther Clark, Mrs. A. L. Moring, Mrs. M. E. Demeritt, Mrs. Polard, Grace Church, Medford, Mrs. Dr. Rhees, Mrs. W. L. Tower, Mrs. Jonathan French, Mrs. S. T. Hooper, Mrs. H. B. Stanwood, Mrs. E. Whitney, Mrs. Fenno Tudor, Mrs. C. L. Crump, Mrs. Abbott, Miss H. Collamore, Mrs. J. B. Moors, Miss Wales, Mrs. Apthorp, Mrs. G. B. Davis.

FURNITURE.

Mrs. Luther Clark, Mrs. Eliot Russell, Mrs. M. E. Demeritt, Mrs. W. H. Kennard, Mrs. A. L. Moring, Jones, McDuffee & Stratton, Mrs. Lovering, Mrs. Hunting.

MONEY FOR PATIENTS TO RIDE.

Mrs. R. H. Stearns, Mrs. H. B. Stanwood, Mrs. F. King, Mrs. R. S. Frost, Mrs. M. L. Hall.

We are indebted for many gifts to ladies who, through delicacy, have refused to give their names.

Parcels have been received also by expressmen, from unknown donors.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. The Corporation shall be composed of the persons named in the Act incorporating certain persons by the name of the "Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital," of such persons as may be, at any legal meeting of the Corporation, nominated and elected as members, and also of all such persons as shall have contributed the sum of one hundred dollars, or upwards, at any one time.

ART. 2. There shall be a meeting of the Corporation, on the third Wednesday in January, in each year, to be called the Annual Meeting, at which the following officers shall be elected, viz.: a President, four Vice-Presidents, such number of Trustees as the Corporation shall determine, not exceeding thirty, a Secretary, and a Treasurer; to serve one year and till others shall be chosen and qualified in their stead. Any person elected to, and signifying his acceptance of either of the offices mentioned in this article, shall become thereby a member of the Corporation during the term of office.

ART. 3. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given by the Secretary, in one or more newspapers printed in Boston, at least fourteen days previous to the day of meeting; but said meeting may be continued, from time to time, until the business thereof shall be accomplished; the Secretary giving at least one day's notice of the time and place of said adjournment, in a newspaper printed in Boston.

ART. 4. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Board of Trustees.

ART. 5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation, and of the Board of Trustees, if present, and shall have power to order special meetings of the Corporation, or Board of Trustees, whenever, in his opinion, it may be expedient; the Secretary giving at least seven days' notice of such special meetings of the Corporation in one or more of the newspapers printed in Boston; and at least two days' notice of such special meetings of the Board of Trustees, to be sent by mail to each of the members.

In the absence or incapacity of the President, or vacancy of the office, one of the Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties which devolve upon the President.

ART. 6. The trustees shall constitute a board for the immediate management of all the property and concerns of the institution. They shall meet at such times and places as they shall by vote determine, or as the President may direct, and all questions which come before the board shall be determined by a majority of the Trustees present and voting thereon. They shall have power to take any measures which they may deem expedient for encouraging subscriptions, donations, and bequests to the corporation; to petition the Legislature for any additional grants or privileges, and for such amendments and

alterations of the several Acts relative to the Corporation as they may think advisable; to take charge of, and watch over the general interests and concerns of the institution, to enter into and bind the Corporation by such compacts and engagements as they may deem advantageous; to appoint, annually or otherwise, all proper and necessary physicians, surgeons, officers, assistants, and servants, for the superintendence and management of the respective departments, with such salaries and allowances as they may, from time to time, fix and determine; to make such rules and regulations for the government of the said physicians, surgeons, officers, attendants, and servants, and for the admission of patients, and the well ordering and conducting of the respective departments of the institution as to them may seem proper and expedient. *Provided*, however, that the said rules and regulations shall at all times be subject to be altered or amended by the Corporation at their annual meeting, or at any legal meeting specially called for that purpose.

They shall cause a fair record of all their doings to be kept, which shall be laid before the Corporation at every meeting thereof; and at every annual meeting, they shall make a written report on the Treasurer's accounts and on the general state of the institution, comprising an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Corporation, a statement of the number of patients admitted and discharged during the year in each department, and all such other matters as may be of importance and interest to the Corporation; and for this purpose they shall, at some previous meeting, appoint a committee of the Board.

ART. 7. The Secretary shall notify and attend all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Trustees, and shall keep a distinct record of the doings of each. He shall also audit the accounts of the institution, and shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall give bonds, with sureties, to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties. He shall receive and have the custody of all moneys, bonds, notes, deeds, and other securities belonging to the Corporation, which he shall keep and manage, under the direction and control of the Board of Trustees or their Committee of Finance. He shall pay no money but by order of the Board of Trustees or of their committees, duly authorized by the Board to draw on him therefor.* He shall render an account of the state of his books and of the funds and property in his custody, when called for by the Trustees or Corporation; and he shall make up the accounts to the last day of September in each year; which accounts shall be laid before the Corporation at their annual meeting, together with a report thereon, and upon the general state of the institution, by a committee of the Trustees, to be seasonably chosen by them for that purpose.

* The following vote was passed by the Board of Trustees, on April 4, 1878: "The Treasurer is authorized to invest moneys or property belonging to the Hospital, and to sell or exchange any investments, only in accordance with a vote of the Board of Trustees certified to by the Secretary; or by written instruction signed by a majority of the Finance Committee.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS.

I. APPLICATIONS of patients for admission may be made to the House Physician or House Surgeon at the hospital on any day of the week, and, when practicable, between 11 and 12 o'clock. The patient should apply in person, when able to do so; otherwise application may be made by a friend, and the patient will be visited by the House Physician or House Surgeon, and if admitted, the proper papers will be forwarded by him to the patient.

II. The patient on admission shall give security, satisfactory to the Executive Committee, for the payment of expenses in the hospital.

III. In cases of accident or of extreme emergency, the patient will be admitted without delay, and provided for as well as circumstances will permit.

IV. Contagious diseases, syphilis, delirium tremens, and also incurable diseases will not be admitted to the hospital.

V. No patient will be allowed to remain longer than twelve weeks, except by the special consent of the medical board.

VI. All patients will be admitted and discharged upon the certificate of the attending physician or surgeon. He shall have discretionary power in the dismissal of patients, or he may refer doubtful cases to the medical board.

Patients shall be discharged by the attending physician or surgeon at any time when, in his opinion, the interests of the patient or of the hospital demand it.

VII. Whenever a patient is removed from the hospital without the consent of the attending physician or surgeon, he shall require from the person assuming the responsibility of the removal a written statement to that effect.

VIII. The attending physician or surgeon shall not deliver the body of any person having died at the hospital, without a written receipt from the parties taking the same.

IX. In case of the decease of any patient, the friends shall be apprised thereof by the matron, and the attending physician or surgeon shall sign a certificate of death, and shall furnish the City Registrar with a copy of the same. He shall also state the time and cause of death, the disposition made of the body, whether delivered to friends or buried from the hospital. In the last case he shall mention the place of interment.

RULES FOR PATIENTS.

I. Patients must be in their proper places in the wards during the daily medical and surgical visits, between 11 and 12 A. M., and always by 8 P. M., unless specially exempted by the attending physician or surgeon.

II. Patients shall not visit other wards without the consent of the matron.

III. Those free patients who are able are expected to assist in nursing and in such other services as may be reasonably required of them.

IV. No patient shall purchase, or cause any member of the household to purchase for him, any article of food whatsoever, or any other article, without the consent of the matron.

V. Profane or obscene language, noisy or loud talking, and incivility are prohibited.

VI. The use of tobacco, wine, and intoxicating liquors is prohibited within the hospital, unless prescribed by the physician.

VII. Patients may be visited by a clergyman of their own selection, and the wish for the performance of any particular religious rite shall be indulged when practicable.

VIII. The rules of the hospital must be implicitly obeyed by the patients. Should any patient wilfully and persistently disregard these rules, the friends will be notified to take him away, or, failing to do so, he will be discharged.

IX. Complaints for whatever cause may be made to the matron or executive committee, and when reasonable, shall be obviated, or reported by them to the trustees.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

When the trustees are not in session the Executive Committee shall have entire charge and control of the hospital, and execute all the orders and directions of the trustees in relation to it. They shall regulate all the supplies and purchases of the hospital, except those pertaining to the pharmacist; determine the necessary number and the wages respectively of all the employes of the hospital; fix the price per week of the various beds or rooms, and whenever it is necessary, advise with and assist the matron in enforcing the rules and regulations of the hospital. They shall meet as often as once a week to examine and consider the affairs of the hospital committed to them, and report on all important matters at the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees.

THE MEDICAL BOARD.

I. The Medical Board shall consist of the physicians and surgeons appointed by the Board of Trustees.

II. They shall have full power and control over the medical and surgical treatment of all the patients in the hospital.

III. They shall make such rules and regulations as they may deem best for their control and government, not inconsistent with the by-laws, rules, and regulations of the hospital as established by the Board of Trustees.

IV. Any violation of the rules and regulations of the Medical Board shall be reported to the Board of Trustees.

MATRON.

I. The hospital shall be under the care of the matron, who shall live in the building and shall not leave it except on necessary occasions. She shall not be absent for more than three hours at any one time, nor after ten o'clock, P. M., without the leave of the Executive Committee. She shall have the assistance of such nurses and servants as the Executive Committee may think proper, and shall hire, and, when necessary, discharge the same.

II. The matron shall have the immediate superintendence of the nurses, servants, and all inmates of the hospital, and shall enforce personal cleanliness, neatness, and obedience to orders on their part. In case of any refusal to conform to these rules and regulations, she shall report the same to the Executive Committee.

III. The matron shall make the entire round of the hospital at least once a day, that she may be assured of the neatness and order of each department, and may become acquainted with the patients, their necessities and wants, and see that they have every comfort.

IV. She shall have charge and superintendence of all furniture, bedding, linen, provisions, table and household supplies, and see that none are unnecessarily wasted or destroyed. She shall keep in a book, designed for this purpose, an exact inventory of all goods belonging to and in the hospital; and also memoranda of breakages or losses, occasioned by the patients or otherwise, and is directed to require payment for any article carelessly injured or broken, and make a report each Saturday to the Executive Committee.

V. It is the duty of the matron to receive all visitors, exercising discretion in showing to all suitable persons the hospital and such wards as they may desire to see.

VI. The matron shall assign rooms or beds to patients on their entrance according to the price of board agreed upon, and shall collect weekly the bills of all those who are not free patients.

VII. The matron is requested to exclude from conversation at her table, and in every other place in the hospital, all topics of a personal nature about any patient, such as anecdotes of patients, complaints, etc. Any nurse or servant violating this rule shall be discharged.

VIII. The matron shall require punctuality at meals on the part of all connected with the hospital.

The following are the hours for the meals: —

	BREAKFAST.	DINNER.	SUPPER.
For Patients	7 A. M.	12½ P. M.	6 P. M.
For Matron, House Physician and Surgeon, and Nurses	7½ “	1 “	6½ “
For Janitor and Servants	8 “	1½ “	7 “

IX. If it be desired to invite any guest to one meal, the consent of the matron shall be obtained; if to more than one, the consent of the Executive Committee is required.

X. The matron shall insist upon economy in all departments of the hospital.

XI. All supplies received by the hospital, either by gift or purchase, shall be entered in a book called the “supply book,” which shall be regularly laid before the Executive Committee.

XII. A record shall be kept by the matron of every important occurrence in the hospital.

XIII. No gift or remuneration shall be received by the matron, nurses, or servants, for anything done or to be done in virtue of their situation, upon pain of peremptory dismissal.

HOUSE PHYSICIAN AND HOUSE SURGEON.

I. The House Physician and House Surgeon shall reside at the hospital, and shall not absent themselves for more than two hours at any time without the consent of the Attending Physician or Surgeon, and on no account shall both be absent from the hospital at the same time, unless it be in the attendance upon medical lectures in the adjoining college at such time as their services may not be required in the hospital.

II. They shall accompany the attending physician and surgeon respectively in their daily visits, make a careful record of the cases, the treatment, and the prescribed diet, prepare the medicine as directed, and deliver the same, together with necessary orders, to the nurses, directly after the morning visit.

III. They shall also have charge of the medical and surgical apparatus, and the library of the hospital.

IV. They shall attend to patients on their admission, and give the necessary directions for their comfort before they are seen by their regular medical attendant, and beside the morning visit with the attending physician and surgeon, they shall make a daily evening visit to each patient between the hours of seven and eight P. M., and at such other times only as they may be requested to do so by the matron or nurse.

V. They shall, each in his own department, see all persons who apply for admission, either for themselves or for their friends, and shall, if practicable, visit or see the patient before admission to the hospital. They shall make a record of all important facts in the case, in books kept for the purpose. If the case is obviously unsuitable for admission, under the

rules of the hospital, they shall so record it; if otherwise, they shall report the case, as soon as possible, to the attending physician or surgeon, and obtain from him and transmit to the patient the necessary papers for admission. They shall conduct such correspondence in relation to the admission of patients as may be directed by the attending physician or surgeon.

VI. All communications of a personal nature made to the house physician or surgeon by a patient, or by the attending physician or surgeon concerning a patient, shall be considered as strictly confidential.

RULES FOR NURSES.

I. The nurses shall be responsible to the house physician or surgeon, as the case may be, for the regular administration of medicines and the care of patients, in accordance with the directions of the attending physician or surgeon, and shall not give, or allow to be given, to the patients any article of food or drink, except such as the physician or surgeon may permit.

II. When articles of food are brought by visitors, the nurse will receive and take them to the matron until permission be given for their being eaten.

The linen of medical wards shall be changed twice weekly ; and in the surgical wards according to special instructions in each case. In the confinement wards at least one clean sheet shall be given each day ; the pillow-cases shall be changed twice weekly ; the personal clothing every two days, unless otherwise ordered by the attending physician.

IV. The soiled clothes from confinement and surgical wards shall be removed from the room at once ; no clothes soiled in washing patients, medical and surgical furniture or apparatus, such as bed-pans, syringes, etc., shall be used twice, or put in a closet after use until thoroughly cleansed.

V. Each morning nurses shall procure from the matron the required clean bed-linen and towels for their wards, and send the soiled linen to the laundry.

VI. The face and hands of all patients shall be bathed and their bed-linen changed before breakfast, unless in special cases, when instruction will be given by the attending physician or surgeon.

VII. The patients in the medical wards, unless too ill, may generally bathe themselves; in the surgical wards, the bathing will be according to special instructions in each case; in confinement wards the nurses shall bathe each patient once daily; when more or less frequently, special instructions will be given.

VIII. Nurses are required to be extremely careful at all times, and especially in bathing the patients, dressing wounds, giving enemas, etc., that there be the least possible exposure of the patient.

IX. Nurses shall follow the visits of the physician or surgeon, and shall, in all cases, hold themselves in readiness after the visit to receive orders from the house physician or surgeon. Concerning everything

which may occur between the visits, the nurse may consult either house physician or surgeon, as the case may be.

X. A strict watch of each patient and of every symptom shall be kept by the nurse, and reported to the physician or surgeon at the visits, and the nurse should be able to give exact information of the quantity and quality of all discharges, etc.

XI. The nurse shall see that the medicine-glasses of her ward are kept replenished, fresh medicine prepared daily, and the empty glasses thoroughly cleansed.

XII. The bed-pans, syringes, etc., shall be cleansed immediately after use, and kept in a designated place for inspection at the morning visit of the matron.

XIII. Articles belonging to each ward shall be kept for that ward only.

XIV. The nurses shall frequently wash the utensils as well as their own hands, with a weak solution of some disinfectant.

XV. Nurses will see that all is quiet in their wards during the night, and that the patients are not wakened before six o'clock, A. M. Between the hours of nine o'clock P. M. and six A. M., all noise, such as the turning on of water, unnecessary opening and shutting of doors, etc., shall be completely avoided.

XVI. The nurse in the surgical department shall see that the patients are kept perfectly quiet twenty-four hours at least after any important surgical operation, and that no person shall see them during this time without the permission of the surgeon.

XVII. No visitors are allowed to patients in the maternity wards until five days after confinement.

XVIII. The nurses are required to see that visitors do not come into their wards without permission, nor remain longer than the time prescribed.

XIX. Each nurse, while on duty, shall wear a soft cotton dress, white apron, and soft shoes without heels. She shall particularly care for her personal cleanliness, neatness, and simplicity in attire.

XX. Underclothes should be perfectly plain; no elaborately trimmed garments can be sent to the hospital laundry, and the number each week shall not exceed eighteen pieces for each person.

XXI. The nurses shall take a half-hour's exercise daily, in the open air, at such time as the matron shall designate. When the nurse requires to be out a longer time, she must obtain special permission from the matron.

XXII. It is strictly forbidden that nurses spend their time in each other's wards or rooms.

XXIII. All lights are to be put out in the wards at nine o'clock, except in special cases of sickness.

XXIV. The nurses are, in a great degree, responsible in their wards for the happiness and comfort of their patients, and will, in any difficulty or need, apply to the attending physician, house physician, surgeon, or matron, as the case may be, in securing these.

XXV. The nurses shall immediately report to the matron any infringements of the rules and regulations of the hospital by the patients.

XVI. The nurses are requested not to waste gas or water, and to read over these rules every week.

PHARMACIST.

The pharmacist shall have charge and make all purchases of the medicines, medical and surgical supplies and instruments, required in the hospital as directed by the Medical Board.

JANITOR:

The janitor shall have charge and be responsible for all the fires in the hospital, and shall keep the wards and halls at a temperature of 70° or as near thereto as possible. He shall also see that the gas and water are properly regulated, and not wasted or unnecessarily used, and that the hospital grounds are suitably cared for.

He shall assist in the moving and care of the patients and attend to such other matters about the hospital as the matron may require. He shall not leave the hospital grounds without the knowledge and consent of the matron. He shall see that all the windows and doors are secured, and the gas in the halls turned off at ten o'clock, P. M.

SERVANTS.

I. Servants are to rise at six o'clock, summer and winter.

II. The servants will receive their orders from the matron or some one designated by her, and will be held accountable by the matron for their proper performance.

III. The work must be done promptly, and as early as possible in the morning.

IV. All employees must be in their respective places during their hours of duty. The doors of the hospital will be closed at ten P. M., at which time all are expected to be quiet, and those not on duty in their own rooms.

VISITORS.

I. Patients will be permitted to receive visits from their friends on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of each week, from two to four o'clock, P. M., and at no other time without a special permit from the physician or matron.

In all cases, however, the attending physician or surgeon may exercise discretionary powers as to excluding or admitting visitors.

All visitors must leave at the expiration of the visiting hours.

II. Visitors will not be permitted to take any meal in the hospital, or to pass the night therein, without the permission of the Executive Committee.

III. No visitor will be allowed to give any article of food or drink to a patient, unless by permission of the attending physician or surgeon, and any articles sent to the patient shall be left with the matron or nurse.

REPORT OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION.

OUR Association has but few special items of importance to report for the past year. The directors have had their allotted months wherein with interest and sympathy to visit the patients, encouraging and aiding by offices that a healthy, helpful spirit may suggest. They have also, when the condition of the patients warranted, secured Sunday services for their benefit; if not a full service by a clergyman, music or reading, or some other profitable and interesting exercises have been provided.

The monthly meetings of its board of officers have afforded opportunities for counsel as to the furtherance of these objects. Our Supply Committee, with others appointed by the Board of Trustees, have supervised the more practical details of the hospital and its household, over whom has presided, since the early occupancy of the present building, our matron, Miss Kelsey.

Our new hospital building, worthy memorial of earnest labors of many friends, fully justifies their expectations of its fitness for the grand purposes for which its foundations were laid and the superstructure added.

In connection with our work here, we mention, with peculiar satisfaction, the fact that the women as well as the men, medical students in the neighboring Homœopathic Medical School, have in this hospital the advantages of clinical instruction, so essential in fitting all physicians for their responsibilities, but peculiarly important to women, since so many hospitals are closed to them for purposes of professional instruction.

During the year from our funds the sum of \$3,500 has been given the hospital toward \$5,000 for a perpetual free bed, in the name of this association, the remaining \$1,500 to be paid as soon as raised.

One of our directors has added another testimonial of her interest in this hospital by a donation of \$10,000 to its treasury.

The date of our annual meeting has been changed to the last Wednesday in January, the former (October) proving too early in the season for the convening of many of its members.

For the Association,

CAROLINE A. KENNARD, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, Jan. 16, 1878.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The object of this Association shall be to aid the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital.

ARTICLE II. Ladies may become members of this Association by the payment of \$2.00 annually.

ARTICLE III. The officers shall consist of twelve directors, a secretary, and a treasurer, who shall have the control of the affairs of the Association, and shall submit a report of their doings at the annual meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE IV. The secretary and treasurer shall perform the duties usually pertaining to those offices. Each director shall select some person or persons, who with herself shall be a Board of Hospital Visitors for the month to which she is assigned. It shall be the duty of the Board of Visitors to provide, as far as possible, for the needs of the patients, each director arranging with her assistants for a daily visit to the hospital.

ARTICLE V. The annual meeting of the Association for the election of officers and the transaction of other business shall be held on the last Wednesday of January.

Monthly meetings of the Board of Officers shall be held on the last Wednesday of each month.

At each regular meeting a report shall be made by the Board of Visitors for that month.

Special meetings of the Association and of the Board of Officers shall be held on the call of the secretary, at the request of three directors.

ARTICLE VI. Should vacancies occur in the Board of Officers, they may be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE VII. The Constitution of this Association may be altered or amended at its annual meeting.

OFFICERS OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION FOR 1878.

DIRECTORS.

MRS. GEO. R. RUSSELL,
 MRS. OLIVER DITSON,
 MRS. A. G. FARWELL,
 MRS. WILLIAM POPE,
 MISS MARY R. WALES,
 MRS. FRANKLIN KING,

MRS. AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY,
 MRS. DAVID HUNT,
 MRS. R. S. FROST,
 MRS. ALEXANDER STRONG,
 MRS. F. W. ANDREWS,
 MRS. EDWARD R. WHITNEY.

SECRETARY.

MRS. M. P. KENNARD.

TREASURER.

MRS. S. T. HOOPER.

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1877	\$3,473 93
Received annual subscriptions	\$674 00
Sale of screen contributed by Miss M. B. Wales	31 00
	<u>705 00</u>
	<u>\$4,179 93</u>

EXPENDED.

Paid for supplies, etc.	\$513 63
“ Homœopathic Hospital for free bed	3,500 00
	<u>\$4,013 63</u>
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1878	<u>\$166 30</u>

MRS. S. T. HOOPER, *Treasurer,*
Ladies' Aid Association Mass. Homœopathic Hospital.

MEMBERS OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION.

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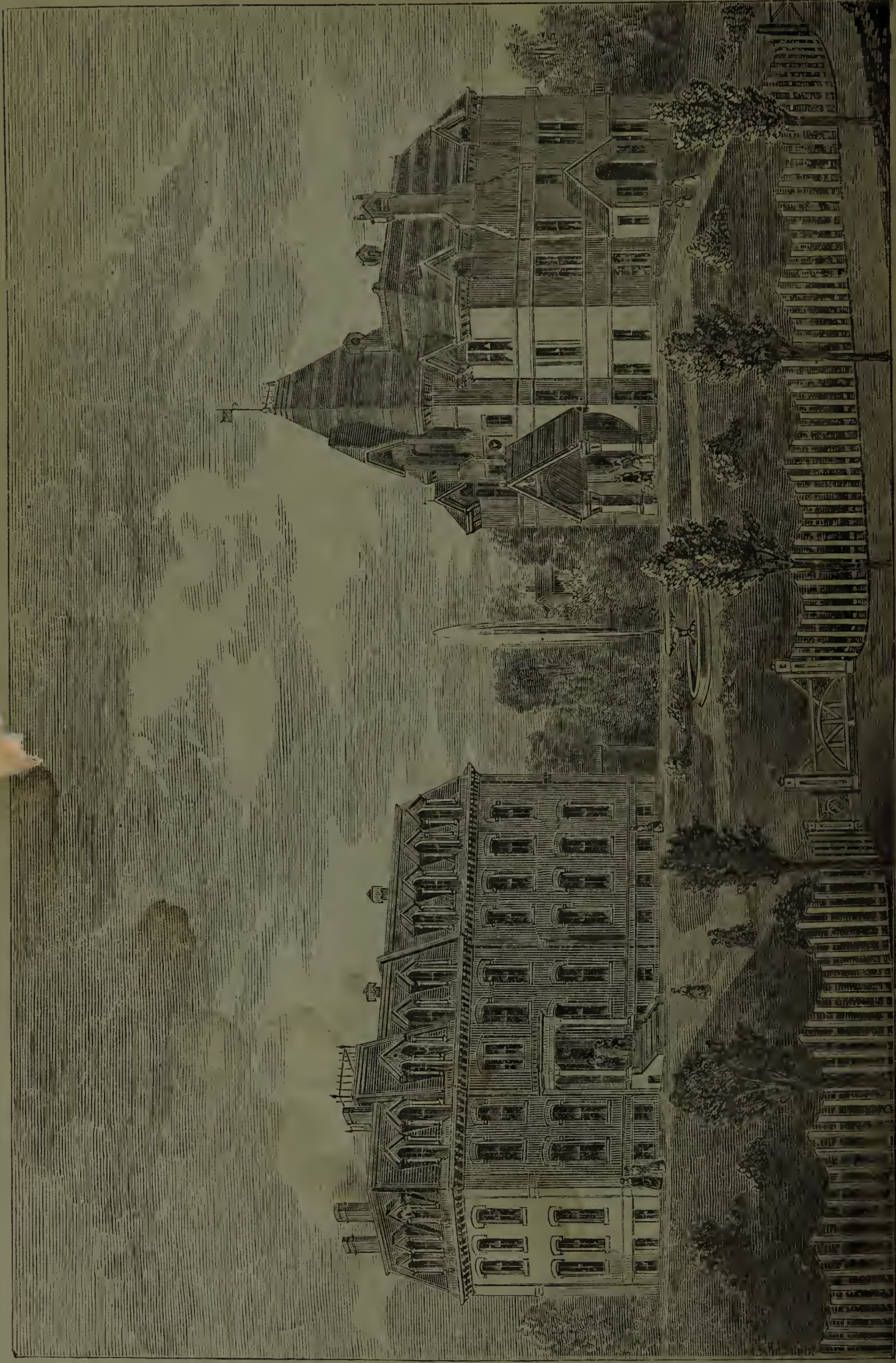
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